

of Forth, starting from the Marine Gardens, Portobello, and landing anywhere on the Fife coast. Flights may be made between 10 a.m. and sunset on any day provided notice has been given before noon on the previous day. For this year the offer only holds good to October 31st.

Another London to Manchester Entrant.

THERE are now four entrants for the London to Manchester prize of £10,000 offered by the *Daily Mail*, Mr. S. F. Cody having sent in his formal entry.

Aeronautic Lectures in London.

THE course of lectures and study in aeronautics, arranged by the Northampton Institute, commences on September 27th. The course will consist of four parts, lectures, drawing office work, laboratory work, and calculation classes. The lecturer will be Mr. L. W. Blin Desbleds, and he will deal with the history, theory, and practice of both the airship and aeroplane.

Banquet to M. Bleriot.

CAPTAIN WINDHAM writes us that any members of the Aero Club, Aeronautical Society, Aeroplane Club or Aerial League are very welcome to come to meet M. and Mme. Bleriot on September 15th at the Savoy Hotel, when the Lord Mayor presides. The tickets are 15s. Early application should be made to the Secretary, Aeroplane Club, Savoy Hotel, W.C.

Another Wright Pilot.

ON the sea-shore at Dunkirk, M. Baratreux, who has just obtained delivery of a Wright flyer, succeeded in making, on the 27th ult., a short flight of about 500 metres, including a turning. On landing, one of the skids was slightly damaged.

First Bleriot Flyer for Australia.

MR. FRED JONES, an Australian gentleman who is at present in this country, has ordered a Bleriot monoplane of the cross-Channel type, with which he hopes to fly in Australia. This will be the first monoplane to be imported into "the land of the Southern Cross." Mr. Jones is interesting himself considerably in aviation, and is anxious to get all particulars of aerial engines and other accessories for flyers.

Aviators' Patron Saint.

IN response to a request from some aviators, it is reported that the Rome ecclesiastical authorities have named the prophet Elijah as a suitable patron for flying men. A medal showing the prophet driving his chariot of fiery horses has been designed for the outward sign of those seeking saintly patronage.

Flying Week for Frankfort.

FEELING, doubtless, that they have been more or less placed in the background by the success of the Rheims meeting, the authorities of the Frankfort Aeronautical Exhibition have set about the organisation of a flying week, to take place from October 3rd to 10th. It is hoped by choosing these dates to induce the principal aviators to proceed to Frankfort at the conclusion of the Brescia meeting. Already it is announced that a dozen promises of active support have been obtained. Endeavours are also being made to induce Orville Wright to make some exhibition flights in the grounds.

A Meeting at Nice.

ALTHOUGH the proposal to hold an aviation meeting at Nice last winter fell through, active preparations are afoot for holding one during the coming season. The

Promenade des Anglais is being made longer and the California grounds altered so as to be suitable for the purpose, and it is hoped, by employing a large body of workmen, to have this work completed at the end of November. It is probable that prizes amounting to a value of 200,000 francs will be offered.

A Flying Week for Berlin.

AN attempt is being made to organise a flying week, to be held on a new aerodrome at Bornstedt, near Berlin, commencing on September 26th.

Another Town-to-Town Prize.

AT the next sitting of the Paris Municipal Council, M. Quentin Bauchant, representing Champs Elysées district, will move that the Council vote a sum amounting to £4,000 for a town-to-town prize. It is suggested that as the motor car industry derived such enormous benefit from the Paris-Bordeaux race, in a similar way aviation would reap considerable advantage from a race between those points or between Paris and Marseilles.

Competitions at Issy.

AN interesting suggestion has been made that a series of flying competitions should be organised at Issy during the second fortnight in October. In view of the large number of successful aviators who have received their initiation on this famous ground, to see them in active competition should be attractive. It is hoped that a prize fund of 10,000 francs will be easily raised.

"Le Matin" Offers a Prize.

ROUND the world motor car races are to be succeeded by races for aeroplanes. Our Parisian contemporary, *Le Matin*, which organised the Pekin to Paris and New York to Paris contests, announces that it is organising a race for aeroplanes over a circular course comprising Paris-Dijon-Belfort-Nancy-Lille-Paris, a distance of 900 miles. A first prize of £4,000 will be offered, and the event is to take place before the end of August, 1910.

Orville Wright in Germany.

THE first real flight with a heavier-than-air machine in Germany was made on Monday last when Orville Wright made a preliminary trial over the Tempelhof parade ground. He brought out the flyer between four and five o'clock in the morning, when there were very few civilians about, but the troops who were practising for the autumn manoeuvres suspended operations during the quarter of an hour that Orville Wright was in the air, and at its conclusion he was surrounded by enthusiastic officers, who heartily congratulated him. The public exhibitions were to commence on Thursday, and from a statement made by Orville Wright to the effect that his petrol reservoir holds sufficient for a four-hour flight, it seems not unlikely that he may attack the duration and distance records.

Mr. Latham to Visit Germany.

ORVILLE WRIGHT is not to be allowed to have it all his own way while in Germany, as it is reported that one of the large Berlin stores has arranged with Mr. Latham to visit the Ruhleben racecourse and make some exhibition flights there.

Obstruction of the Air.

UNDER the International regulations governing the Rheims aviation week, the pilot of the "Zodiac" dirigible airship was fined 100 francs for obstructing the airway of M. Delagrange during one of his flights for the Grand Prix de la Champagne.]